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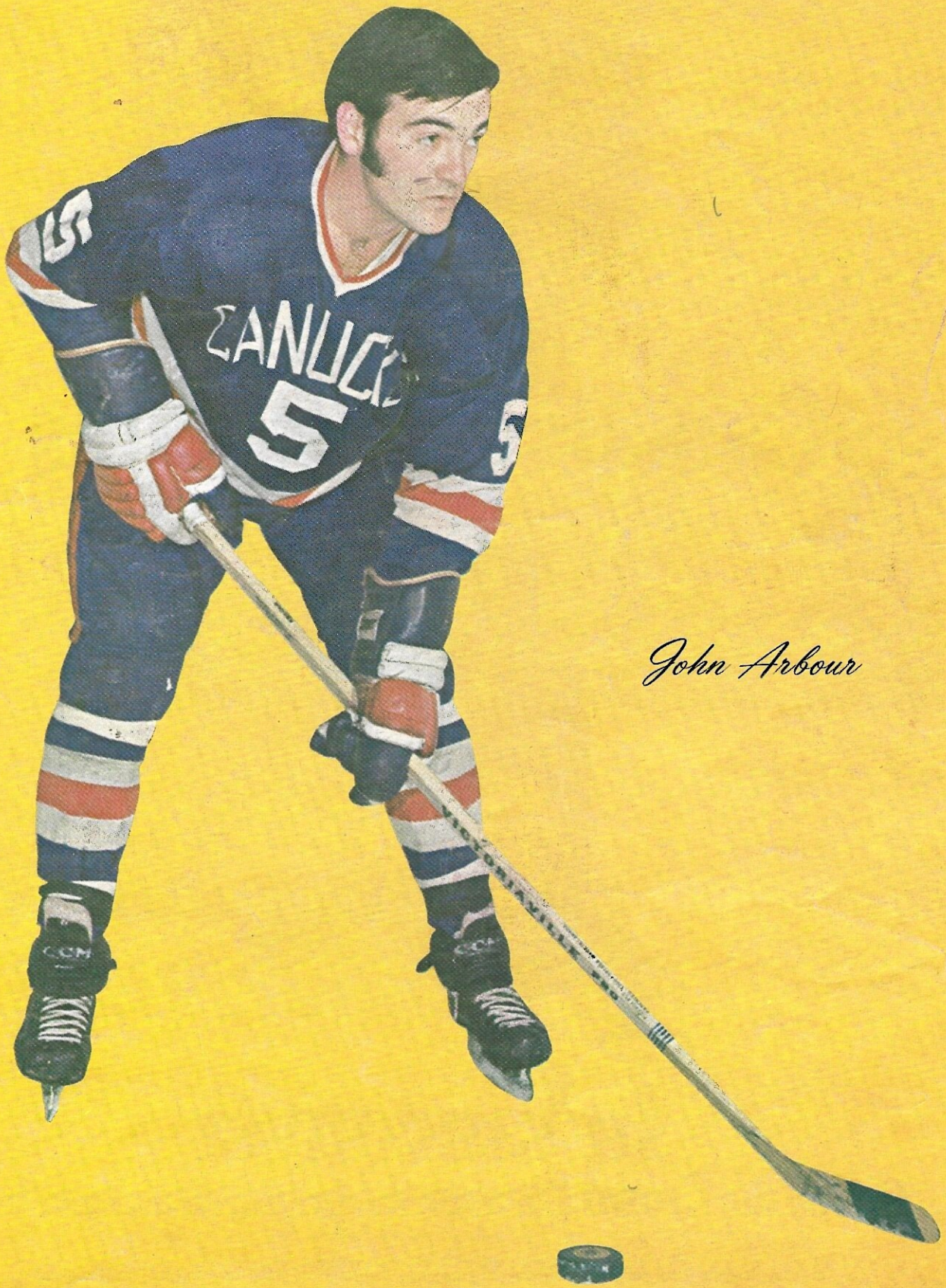

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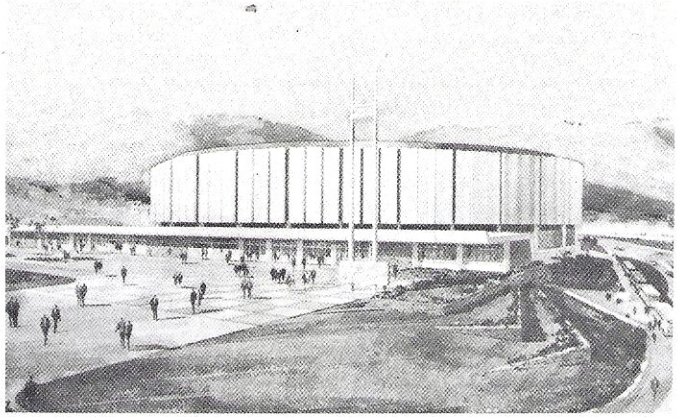

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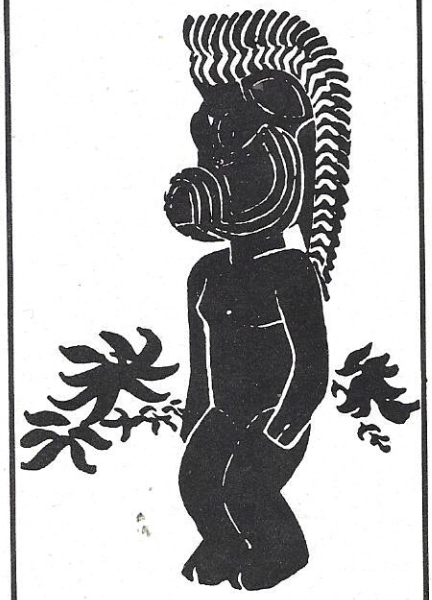

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Warren Hynes	San Diego	65	36	52	88
Bob Barlow	**Vancouver**	74	36	48	84
Fred Hilts	San Diego	73	44	35	79
Willie O'Ree	San Diego	70	38	41	79
Bryan Hextall	**Vancouver**	70	22	56	78
Andy Hebenton	Portland	74	26	51	77
Andy Bathgate	**Vancouver**	71	37	36	73
Bob Courcy	Seattle	74	43	26	69
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Murray Hall	**Vancouver**	69	28	37	65
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Gallant Goalies Learn Hard Way Value of a Mask

By JIM ROBSON

CKWX SPORTS DIRECTOR

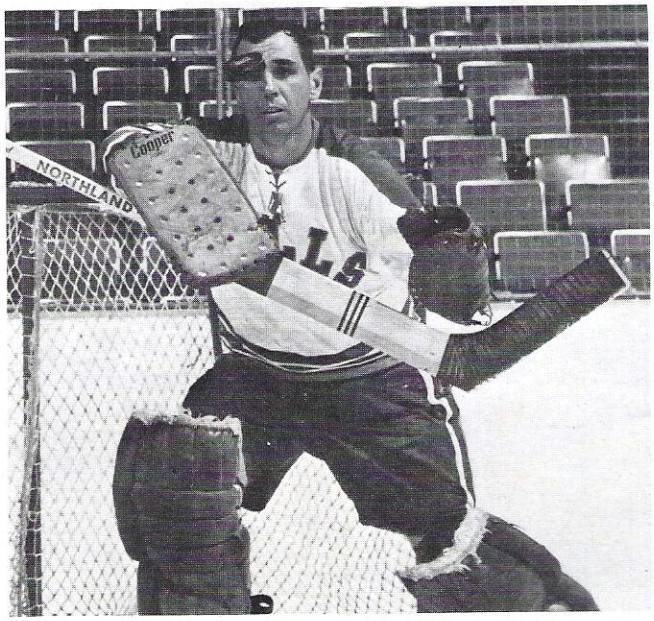
When a forward makes a mistake, there's a defenceman to back him up. When a defenceman makes a mistake, there's the goaltender to back him up. But when a goaltender makes a mistake, it's a goal.

That's how it is in hockey, and goaltending is getting tougher and tougher. The few goalies who insist on playing without the mask must be seriously considering joining the legion of netminders who do wear facial protection.

San Diego's **Jack McCartan** changed his mind after a Pacific Coliseum deflection off **Pat Hannigan's** stick caught the Gull goalie right in the face. A broken nose, numerous stitches and a pool of blood convinced McCartan the mask is here to stay.

McCartan put on the mask, then went out and allowed only one goal in his next three games. That leaves Seattle's **Don Head** as one of the last of a dying breed — the unmasked goalkeeper.

Even a mask doesn't eliminate injuries. Ask Seattle's **Chris Worthy** and Denver's **Rocky Farr,** both hit in the head by high, hard Vancouver Canuck shots during games in late December.



JACK McCARTAN

Vancouver has been blessed by some great goaltending in our 21 seasons in the Western Hockey League. The first was **Doug Jackson** in 1948-49. Then came the "Fabulous Fatman," **Lucien Dechene.** In following years, Vancouver's goal was guarded by the likes of **Emil Francis, Gump Worsley, Johnny Bower, Bruce Gamble, Hank Bassen, Cesare Maniago, Ken Broderick, Tony Esposito** and **Charlie Hodge.** There were others too, but those names also became familiar to National Hockey League fans.

But who would have expected Esposito be one of the stars? He was Vancouver's goaltender two seasons ago . . . a hot and cold rookie with a bad hockey club. Now the tall college grad from Sault Ste. Marie is challenging an NHL record for shutouts in one season, with a Chicago team that isn't supposed to blank the opposition.

Who was the best goaltender to every play for the Vancouver Canucks? That argument could go on into the night.

But the best display of goaltending I've seen in a Vancouver uniform came last spring, when Hodge gave up only 12 goals in eight playoff games. He was part of a great team, but little Charlie was one key reason why it was a great team.

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Two of the goals scored in the last game of 1969 were put into the wrong goal. **Pat Hannigan** was the unfortunate Canuck who deflected a puck into his own net. But that sort of thing has happened many times before. **Billy McNeill** scored into his own goal in one of his last appearances as a Vancouver Canuck, but the most memorable goal of that type I can remember was at the old Forum. It was scored by that man with the black leather helmet, **Bill Burega.** He was swinging back into his own zone to circle the goal when the puck got away from him and neatly slipped between **Gilles Villemure** and the post on his right. Villemure could be faulted for not hugging the post and being more alert, but how often do you get a shot on goal from an unchecked member of your own team? A goaltender makes an error, and the puck is in the net.

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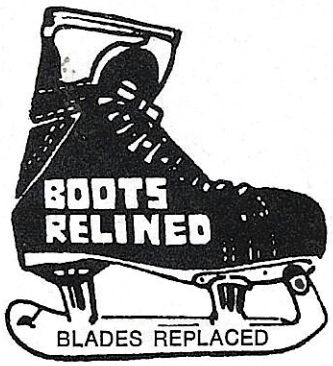

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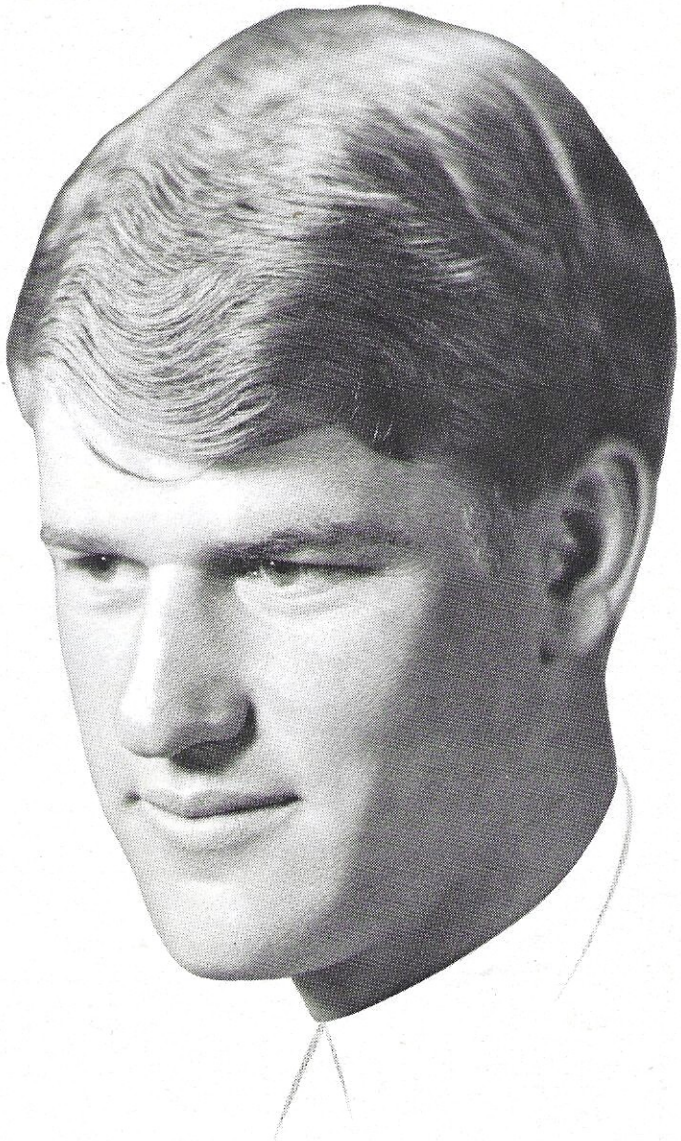

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By CLANCY LORANGER

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But there seems to be a shortage of literature on how to build a winning hockey club, so I've taken the liberty of ghosting this article on the subject for **Joe Crozier,** who's otherwise occupied keeping said hockey club winning.

Since we're talking about the 1969-70 Canucks, perhaps you might feel that the first step is the key to the whole thing: start with a club that won the championship the previous spring.

That's probably what Crozier's Western Hockey League rival coaches had in the back of their minds when they voted Vancouver as the probable first place finisher this season.

The fact of the matter is, however, that Crozier's pre-training camp roster included exactly eight players off last year's championship team: goalie **George Gardner,** defenceman **Marc Reaume,** and forwards **Murray Hall, Duke Harris, Pat Hannigan, Ted Taylor, Ted McCaskill** and **Phil Maloney.**

Eventually, four other players who were on hand when the Canucks swept through the playoffs in eight straight games to win the Lester Patrick Cup in April of 1969 rejoined the club.

But their coming is part of the pattern required to build a winning club.

The instructions enclosed with this "how to" kit would have to include: wheel, deal, juggle, patch, shuffle, gamble, don't throw hats on the bed, and pray a little.

Crozier had decided that **Len Lunde** would play at Rochester this season. But Len had other ideas, and when he refused to report to Vancouver's American League club, he wound up here. Lunde's had a pretty good year, and on one memorable night, of course, he scored five goals.

Defenceman **Bob Lemieux** had returned to Oakland, which owns his contract. But when the Seals assigned Lemieux to Springfield, he said he wouldn't play anywhere in the minors but here. So here he came, and he was having an outstanding year until laid low on Dec. 9 by a kidney infection.

Andy Bathgate is another player who just won't perform anywhere else, and of course Crozier was most happy to welcome him back.

Germain Gagnon last season belonged to Montreal,

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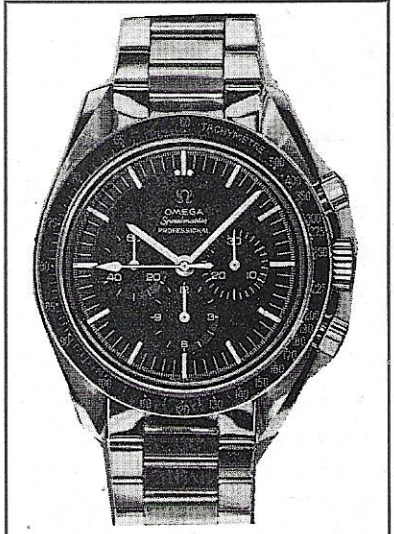

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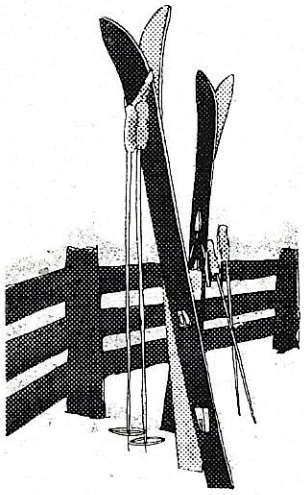

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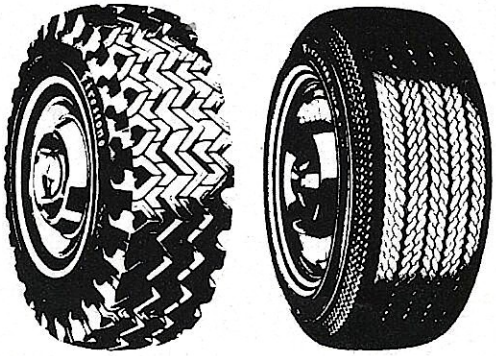

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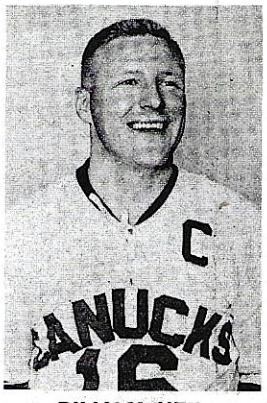

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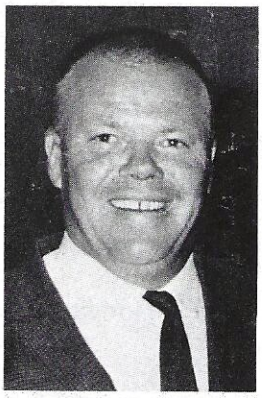

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and he wound up with Salt Lake City in the draft. But it so happened that Salt Lake's **Ray Kinasewich** was looking for a "name" player, with some color, to sell to the home folks, and what better man than **Billy McNeill,** a former teammate of Kinasewich's and twice the league's most valuable player. Billy didn't fit into Crozier's plans, so a trade was arranged, and back came the handy Gagnon.

So that gave Grozier a nucleus of 12 from his championship team, but he still needed replacements for goalie **Charlie Hodge,** defencemen **Darryl Sly, Don Johns, Don Cherry** and **Jim McKenny,** plus forwards **Bryan Hextall** and **Bob Barlow,** two-thirds of his "big" scoring line.

Crozier knew he'd lose Hextall in the draft, so he made a deal with Pittsburgh for the tough centre, getting forward **Paul Andrea** and defenceman **John Arbour,** plus a promise that Bathgate would return if he didn't stick with the NHL Penguins.

A similar "beat the draft" trade with Toronto for Rochester-based forward **Ron Ward** brought defenceman **Brad Selwood** here along with centre **Rene Robert,** who started slowly here but has done well at Rochester since being shipped there on Oct. 23.

Defenceman **Bill Orr** was drafted from the New York Ranger organization, but when he also got off to a slow start here he went to Rochester with Robert, and defenceman **Doug Dunville** was brought in from the Americans.

Dunville represented one of two "gambles" that paid off for Crozier. Written off by Phoenix last season and

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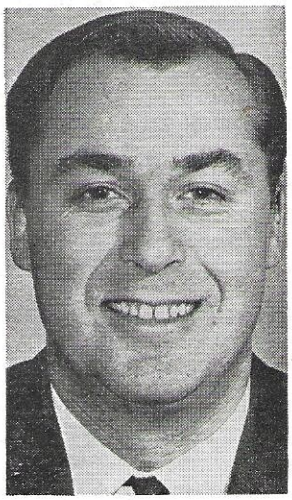


HAL SIGURDSON

By HAL SIGURDSON

THE VANCOUVER SUN

Even as his current Vancouver Canucks continue to pile up records and victories, **Joe Crozier** keeps insisting he had better personnel last year.

Last season's Canucks swept through the Lester Patrick Cup playoffs without a defeat, it is true, but it also finished a distant second to the Portland Buckaroos in the league standings.

Nevertheless, Crozier remains adamant.

"We just haven't replaced people like **Jim McKenny, Darryl Sly** and **Charlie Hodge,"** he insists.

The difference, he claims, is the current edition has fit together much better as a team.

"For one thing," he concedes, "both the players and myself under-estimated the strength of the league last year. A lot of us figured it was only a matter of time, but eventually time is what we ran out of."

But there are other, more subtle differences, too.

"This year we try to cover up for one another's mistakes. Last year when something went wrong we spent too much time trying to figure out who to blame," says **Len Lunde,** a member of both teams.

"Another difference," says Crozier, "is **Andy Bathgate.** He's getting more ice time and has completely taken over as our team leader. It's like having another coach out there on the ice."

Another difference is veteran defenceman **Marc Reaume.** He was here last season, too, but his family wasn't. Now, with all the Reaumes living under the same roof, Marc's performances have become much more consistent.

"He's the best in the league by a country mile," Crozier insists.

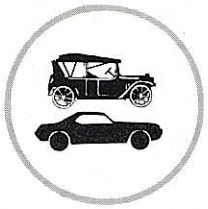
But there have also been some important contributions from new players like **Gerry Goyer, Paul Andrea, Brad Selwood, John Arbour** and **Doug Dunville.**

But Seattle's **Art Stratton** sees Vancouver's biggest edge as a single line — Bathgate, Andrea and **Pat Hannigan.**

"Most lines in this league," he says, "have a centre who can make the plays and a couple of shooters on the wings.

"But in Bathgate, Andrea and Hannigan you have three guys who can handle the puck and make the plays. It's a big edge. They get a lot of goals, but even when they're not scoring, they're controlling the play."

It also proves once again that a good team will beat a group of talented individuals every time out.



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STOPS 'N' STARTS: Two new faces in the Denver lineup are **Brian Kilrea** and **Bill Dineen.** Kilrea was property of the Vancouver Canucks at the start of this season but was released while he was in Rochester because of a re-curring back injury. Dineen was picked up by the Spurs when the Seattle Totems let him go . . . Denver Spurs home attendance is in the neighborhood of a 3300 average. The Canucks are hovering around the 8900 mark . . . **Gerry Goyer** made a guest appearance at Killarney over the week-end to help kick off a minor hockey jamboree . . . Canucks' have a punching bag installed in their dressing room, mostly for the use of rugged **John Arbour.** After Arbour's fight with Portland's **Cliff Schmautz** — in which Schmautz was given the unanimous decision — somebody in the Canucks' dressing room drew a picture of Schmautz on the punching bag . . . Needless to say, Arbour takes great delight in landing powerful rights and lefts at the bag . . . High-scoring **Paul Andrea** missed Sunday's practice because of a slight knee injury and hopes he'll be fit by game time tonight . . . When the Rochester Amerks tied Hershey 2-2 Sunday night it marked the fifth straight game in which they've gone un-defeated. They also drew 5200 fans for the game, a high for the Americans this season . . . **Joe Crozier** leaves tomorrow for Rochester, the Canucks' farm club. On his way, he'll stop off in Calgary and Winnipeg to do a little scouting . . . Next home game for the Canucks isn't until **Sunday after-noon.** They'll play Salt Lake and it will be **KID's DAY,** when youngsters will be admitted on a $2.50 ticket for $1.25.

Following are the referees and linesmen you will see working the games at the Pacific Coliseum this season:

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1 VERN BUFFEY
2 JOHN ASHLEY
3 ART SKOV
4 BILL FRIDAY
5 BRUCE HOOD
6 RON WICKS
9 JOHN D'AMICO
10 BOB SLOAN
11 WALLY HARRIS
12 TOM SMITH
14 LLOYD GILMOUR
16 BRYAN LEWIS
17 JOHN McCAULEY
18 BRENT CASSELMAN
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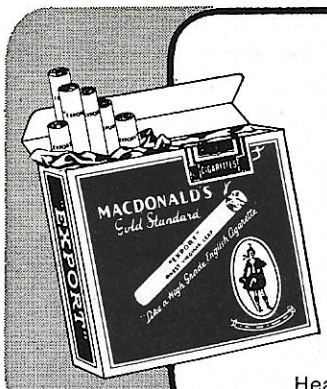

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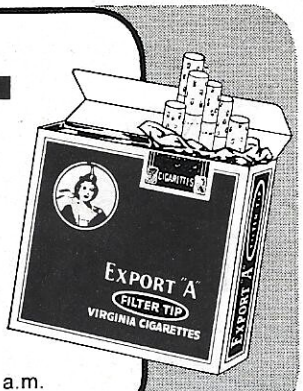

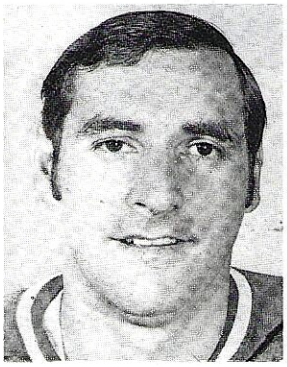

Salutes the Vancouver Canucks star of the month...

PAUL ANDREA

First Canuck to hit the charmed 20-goal mark this season was classy leftwinger Paul Andrea, a newcomer to the Vancouver scene this year. Andrea, playing on a line with centre Andy Bathgate and Pat Hannigan on the right side, came to the Canucks along with John Arbour from the Pittsburgh Penguins organization. We're proud to salute Paul as the Canucks' star of the month!

DENVER SPURS 1969-70 ROSTER

PLAYER	HGT.	WGT.	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	1968-69 CLUB	1968-69 RECORD			
Forwards						GP	G	A	P
GAGNE, Pierre	6 - 1	197	North Bay, Ont.	June 5/40	Providence	67	17	22	39
GUILBAULT, GEORGES	5 - 9	175	Windsor, Ont.	Sept. 6/42	Kansas City	63	26	20	46
HARRIS, HUGH	6	195			Muskegon	70	33	39	72
HARPER, BRIAN	6 - 1	175	Regina, Sask.		Denver	15	2	3	5
LOSIER, JEAN	5 - 11	185			Houston	15	0	1	1
McDONALD, BRIAN	6 - 1	175	Toronto, Ont.	Mar. 23/45		None Available			
MARTIN, WILF	5 - 10	175	St. Paul, Alta.	Jan. 25/42	Denver	64	37	30	67
REDAHL, GORD	6 - 1	195	Kinistino, Sask.	Aug. 28/35	Denver	65	18	17	35
SHELTON, DOUG	5 - 9	175	Woodstock, Ont.	June 27/45	Dallas	69	17	27	44
TOPOLL, DEL	5 - 9	165	Durban, Man.	Oct. 21/33	Denver	48	7	23	30
Defencemen									
HOLDAWAY, JIM	6	193	Flin Flon, Man.	Dec. 15/39	Denver	70	2	24	26
LaFOND, JERRY	6 - 1	190	Dawson Creek, B.C.	June 26/45	Providence	60	1	10	11
LaFRENIERE, ROGER	5 - 11	190	Montreal, Que.	July 24/42	Omaha	69	14	26	40
MAVETY, LARRY	5 - 11	195	Woodstock, Ont.	May 29/42	Denver	74	5	28	33
SCHELLA, JOHN	5 - 11	180	Port Arthur, Ont.	May 9/47	Denver	69	4	22	26
SHARPE, DON	6	185	Toronto, Ont.	Sept. 15/45	Amarillo	69	10	20	30
Goaltenders						GP	GA	SO	AV
CARON, JACQUES	6 - 2	190	Noranda, Que.	April 21/40	Denver	31	122	2	4.15
FARR, NORMAN	5 - 10	175	Toronto, Ont.	April 23/43	Denver	46	180	2	4.05

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GEN. MGR. & COACH — **RUDY PILOUS**

TRAINER — **BUD KESSELL**

1	JACQUES CARON, Goal
30	ROCKY FARR, Goal
2	JERRY LAFOND, Defence
4	JOHN SCHELLA, Defence
5	LARRY MAVETY, Defence
6	DAN SHARPE, Defence
7	DEL TOPPOL, Centre
8	ROGER LAFRENIERE, Defence
9	BRIAN McDONALD, Right Wing
10	BRIAN KILREA, Centre
11	LYLE BRADLEY, Centre
12	BRIAN HARPER, Left Wing
15	KENT BYRNES, Left Wing
16	BILL DINEEN, Right Wing
17	BRIAN D. SMITH, Left Wing
18	GORD VEJPRAVA, Centre
19	DON GRIERSON, Right Wing
20	WILF MARTIN, Centre

ANUARY 27

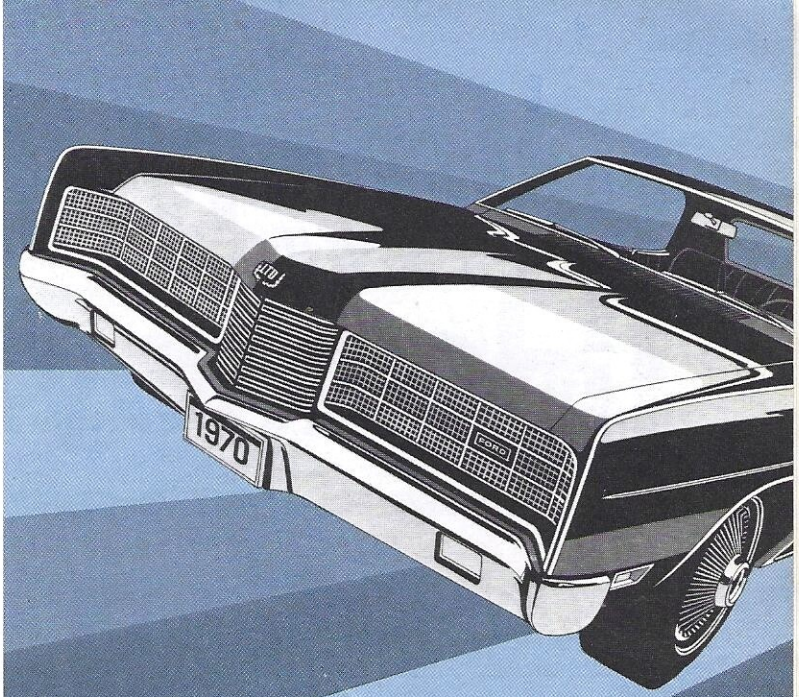
VANCOUVER CANUCKS

GEN. MGR..& COACH — JOE CROZIER

TRAINER — ED SHAMLOCK

1 GEORGE GARDNER, Goal
30 LYNN ZIMMERMAN, Goal

2 MARC REAUME, Defence
3 DOUG DUNVILLE, Defence
5 JOHN ARBOUR, Defence
6 BRAD SELWOOD, Defence
7 PAUL ANDREA, Right Wing
9 ANDY BATHGATE, Centre
10 TED TAYLOR, Left Wing
11 TED McCASKILL, Left Wing
12 CLELAND MORTSON, Centre
14 GERMAIN GAGNON, Left Wing
15 GERRY GOYER, Centre
16 LEN LUNDE, Right Wing
17 MURRAY HALL, Right Wing
18 PAT HANNIGAN, Right Wing
19 BOB LEMIEUX, Defence
21 DUKE HARRIS, Right Wing



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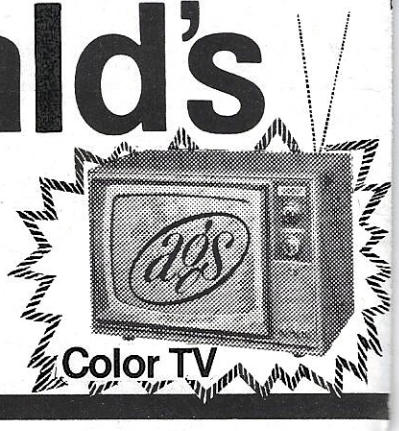

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PLAYER	HGT.	WGT.	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	1968-69 CLUB	1968-69 RECORD			
Forwards						GP	G	A	P
ANDREA, PAUL	5 - 10	174	North Sydney, N.S.	July 31/41	Pittsburgh-Amarillo	69	30	35	65
HALL, MURRAY	6	176	Kirkland Lake, Ont.	Nov. 24/40	Vancouver	69	28	37	65
HANNIGAN, PAT	5 - 10	190	Timmins, Ont.	Mar. 5/36	Phil.-Buff.-Van.	50	18	30	48
HARRIS, DUKE	5 - 10	180	Sarnia, Ont.	Feb. 25/42	Vancouver	74	23	17	40
McCASKILL, TED	6 - 1	190	Kapuskasing, Ont.	Oct. 29/36	Vancouver	45	11	13	24
TAYLOR, TED	6	175	Brandon, Man.	Feb. 25/42	Vancouver	64	15	29	44
GAGNON, GERMAIN	6	175	Chicoutimi, Que.	Dec. 9/42	Vancouver	61	8	21	29
BATHGATE, ANDY	6	180	Winnipeg, Man.	Aug. 28/32	Vancouver	71	37	36	73
LUNDE, LEN	6 - 1	195	Campbell River, B.C.	Nov. 13/36	Vancouver	65	26	27	53
MORTSON, CLELAND	5 - 9	170	Arnfield, Que.	Mar. 29/34	Baltimore	74	20	49	69
GOYER, GERRY	6 - 1	196	Belleville, Ont.	Oct. 20/36	Portland	67	12	28	40
Defencemen									
REAUME, MARC	6 - 1	185	Lasalle, Ont.	Feb. 7/34	Rochester-Vancouver	70	4	25	29
SELWOOD, BRAD	6 - 1	188	Leamington, Ont.	Mar. 18/48	Tulsa	70	7	32	39
ARBOUR, JOHN	5 - 11	195	Niagara Falls	Sept. 28/45	Baltimore-Pittsburgh	74	4	19	23
LEMIEUX, BOB	6 - 2	205	Montreal, P.Q.	Dec. 16/44	Vancouver	65	3	12	15
DUNVILLE, DOUG	5 - 11	190	Toronto, Ont.	Aug. 22/45	Phoenix	55	3	17	20
Goaltenders						GP	GA	SO	AV
GARDNER, GEORGE	5 - 10	175	Lachine, Que.	Oct. 8/42	Vancouver	53	154	2	3.01
ZIMMERMAN, LYNN	5 - 8	155	Fort Erie, Ont.	July 13/42	Rochester	11	48	0	5.40

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CLANCY LORANGER

It's Called "Team" Spirit

By CLANCY LORANGER, The Vancouver Province

Rudy Pilous of the Denver Spurs was recently quoted as saying: "Take **Marc Reaume** and **Andy Bathgate** away from them (the Canucks) and they are just another hockey team."

Which prompted the Denver Post's **Bick Lucas** to comment: "Which is like saying that without **Tom Seaver** and **Jerry Koosman,** the New York Mets are just another baseball team."

And did you happen to notice that even with **Joe Namath,** the New York Jets didn't make it to the Super Bowl this year?

There's no doubt that Reaume is the leader of the young Vancouver defence, and Captain Andy is the team leader.

But the longer you watch the 1969-70 edition of the Canucks, the suspicion grows stronger that this is first of all a "team," and that it would continue to win regardless of what individual was unfortunate enough to be sidelined.

Already this season there have been various examples of the Canucks continuing to fly, in spite of injuries.

Early in the season, **Ted Taylor** had ankle trouble, and he was virtually useless from Nov. 9 through Dec. 5. He was dressed for half a dozen games in that time, but was operating at half speed.

Yet is was during that period that the Canucks began their amazing climb to the top of the Western League standings. They were better when Taylor, whole again, rejoined them — but the point is that they survived without him.

It was shortly after Taylor returned that **Bob Lemieux,** who had been playing very well on defence, came down with a kidney infection. He missed nine games, and hasn't really been at top form since.

One of the reasons for that is that he hasn't been able to get his old job back. When Lemieux was going well, **Doug Dunville,** the Canucks' fifth defenceman, saw little action.

But, given a chance to play regularly, he has done a solid job and earned the right to start.

Then, just recently, **Paul Andrea** had a knee problem. All he was doing, when he was sidelined, was leading the league in goals scored.

So **Len Lunde** took over, and playing with Bathgate and **Pat Hannigan,** scored four goals and assisted on three more in two games.

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	GP	G	A	Pts
Andy Bathgate	47	23	43	66
Murray Hall	47	14	41	55
Paul Andrea	46	29	25	54
Gerry Goyer	35	17	26	43
Pat Hannigan	47	14	29	43
Len Lunde	43	23	18	41
Ted Taylor	41	20	20	40
Marc Reaume	47	7	21	28
Germain Gagnon	47	10	16	26
Ted McCaskill	47	12	12	24
John Arbour	47	4	17	21
Duke Harris	46	10	10	20
Brad Selwood	47	5	11	16
Bob Lemieux	34	6	7	13
Doug Dunville	42	1	12	13
Cleland Mortson	31	2	8	10

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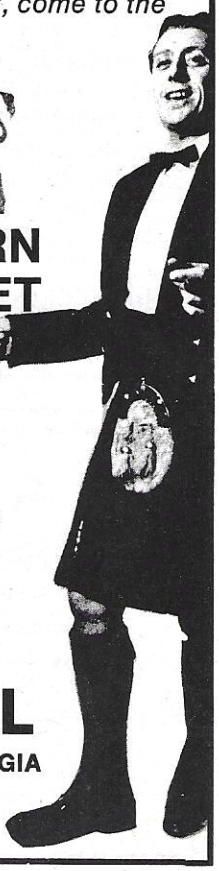

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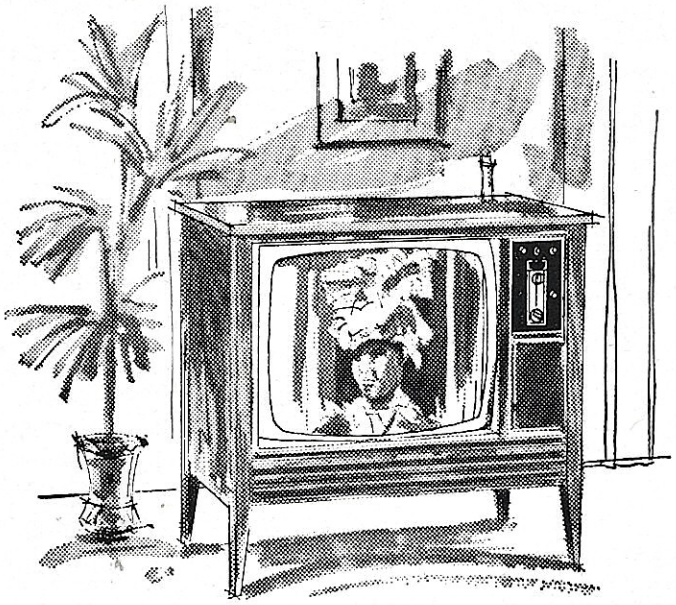

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	W	L	GF	GA	Pct.
Vancouver	13	4	115	71	.765
Portland	9	9	91	83	.500
Victoria	3	13	64	116	.235

Of those 115 goals scored by Vancouver, a swift-skating fellow by the name of **Fred (Cyclone) Taylor** contributed 23 to win his second scoring title in as many seasons. In 1914-15 Cyclone had 22 assists to go along with those 23 goals to finish with 45 points.

Following are a few more interesting statistics from past years:

Year	Champ.	Play-Off Winner	Leading Scorer	Team
1911-12	N.W.	None	Lalonde	Van.
1912-13	Vic.	None	Dunderdale	Vic.
1913-14	Vic.	None	Taylor	Van.
1914-15	Van.	None	Taylor	Van.
1915-16	Port.	None	Taylor	Van.
1916-17	Sea.	None	Morris	Sea.
1917-18	Sea.	Van.	Taylor	Van.
1918-19	Van.	Sea.	Taylor	Van.
1919-20	Sea.	Sea.	Dunderdale	Vic.
1920-21	Van.	Van.	Frederick'n	Vic.
1921-22	Sea.	Van.	Adams	Van.
1922-23	Van.	Van.	Frederick'n	Vic.
1923-24	Sea.	Van.	Duncan	Van.
1924-25	Cal.	Vic.	Cook	Sask.
1925-26	Edm.	Vic.	Cook	Sask.
1926-28	No Pro Hockey			
1928-29	Van.	Van.	Somers	Van.
1929-30	Van.	Van.	Browne	Sea.
1930-31	Sea.	Van.	Downie	Port.
1931-33	No Pro Hockey			
1933-34	Cal.	Cal.	Gainor	Cal.
1934-35	Sea.	Van.	Smith	Van.
1935-36	Sea.	Sea.	Smith	Van.
1936-37	Port.	Port.	Carse	Van.
1937-38	Sea.	Van.	King	Spok.
1938-39	Port.	Port.	Holmes	Port.
1939-40	Van.	Van.	Downie	Sea.
1940-41	Spok.	Van.	Scharfe	Spok.
1941-47	No Pro Hockey			
1948-49	N.W. Fresno	S.D.	Love	N.W.
1949-50	N.W. S.F.	N.W.	Rowe	Tac.
1950-51	Vic.	Vic.	E. Dorohoy	Vic.
1951-52	N.W.	Sask.	Agar	Cal.
1952-53	Sask.	Edm.	Reibel	Edm.
1953-54	Van.	Cal.	Fielder	Sea.
1954-55	Edm.	Edm.	Horvath	Edm.
1955-56	Win. Van.	Win.	Maloney	Van.
1956-57	Bran. Sea.	Bran.	Fielder	Sea.
1957-58	Van. Win.	Van.	Fielder	Sea.
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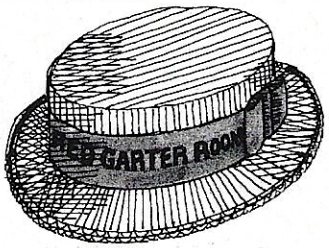

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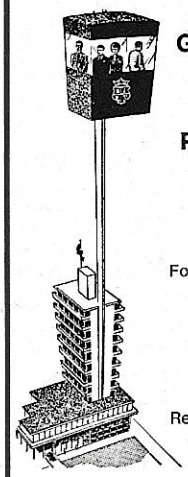

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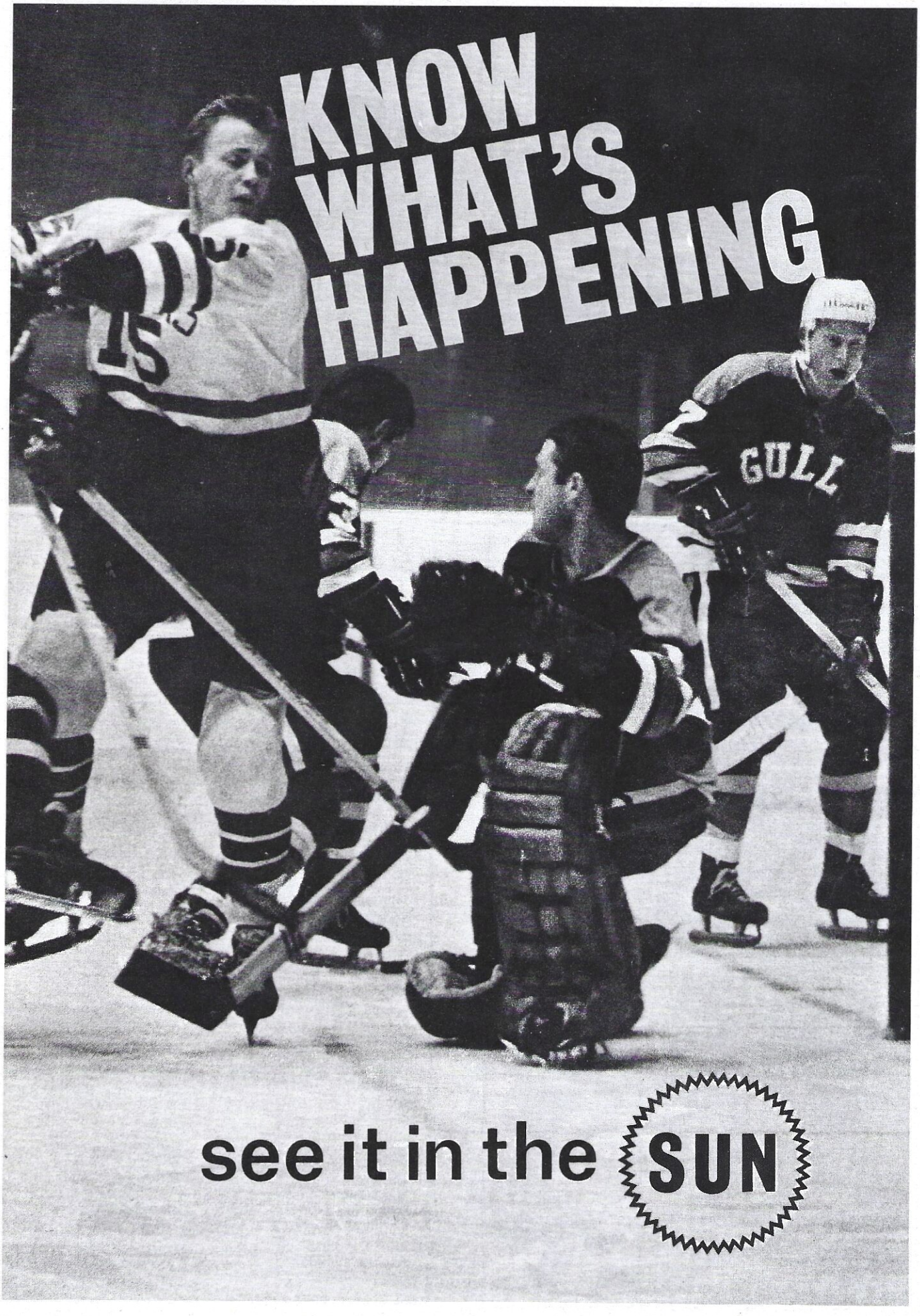
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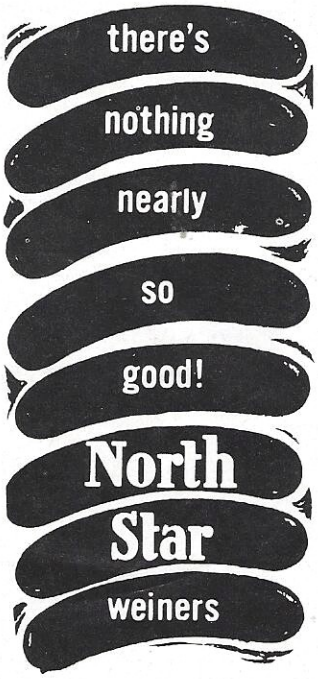

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Medicor Rides To the Rescue For Vancouver

By HAL SIGURDSON

THE VANCOUVER SUN

It's been a pretty wild year. A Western Hockey League championship in the spring and a National Hockey League franchise in the fall. And a whole lot of American money scattered along the way.

It's a funny thing about that U.S. money. Funny how facts never interfere with a good, built-in prejudice.

Remember how it was back there in September when the NHL first announced its expansion terms?

That $6 million entry fee — three times the amount the original expansion teams paid was outlandish, right?

There was no way a poor, but honest hockey promoter could make ends meet, right? The interest rates alone would be enough to choke a horse. You remember — of course you do.

The people who owned the Vancouver Canucks at the time — all of them good citizens and sound businessmen — decided the NHL's asking price left the deal financially unfeasible. At least in the forseeable future.

And so far, no one has proved them wrong.

Then along came the Medicor people from Minneapolis who decided that not only were they willing to pay the NHL its 6,000,000 pounds of flesh, but also anted-up an additional $2.8 million for controlling interest in the Canucks.

But now, to hear a lot of people tell it, the whole ball game has changed. Now, by some magic, it's a case of Americans moving in and swooping with a choice investment plum that should have been left for Canadians.

All of this conveniently ignores the fact the package was offered to Canadians and they didn't want it. The Canucks' former owners did, however, want an NHL franchise for Vancouver. They asked the league for help and the league provided it in the form of Medicor.

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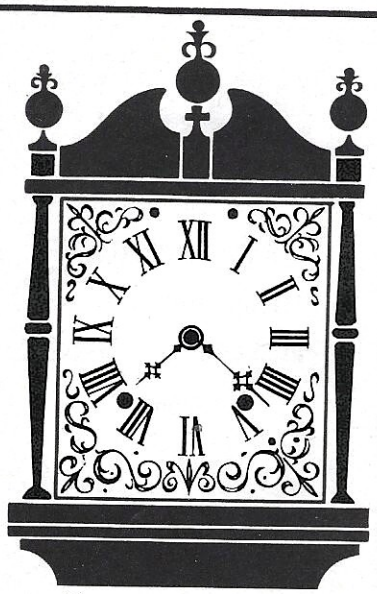

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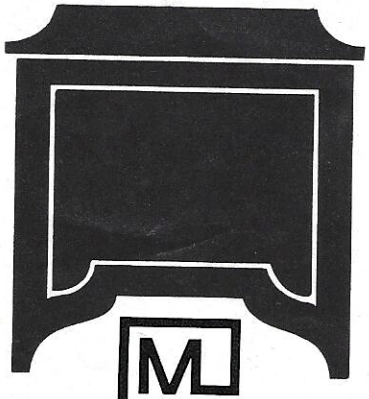

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None of that sounds too sinister, from here. But now its up to Medicor to set up the mechanics and hire the people to provide a first class NHL operation for this city.

If they fail, then they should be judged and judged harshly. If, with a built-in hockey audience and a built-in farm system, Vancouver fails to make steady progress — not instant success, but progress — Medicor will deserve all the criticism it will get.

Not for being American, but for being lousy operators in any nationality.

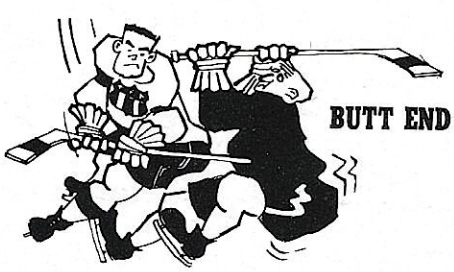
When the NHL first expanded in the 1967-68 season the new cities soon set about acquiring a farm system. Los Angeles moved first and bought the Springfield franchise, then confounded the experts who had relegated them to the basement by missing the pennant by only a single point.

Soon the other teams got the idea. Philadelphia acquired Quebec City. St. Louis set up in Kansas City. Minnesota established a Central League franchise and picked up players wherever they could find them.

But none of the original expansion teams and certainly not Buffalo, the city that will accompany Vancouver into the NHL next season, has the solid base the Canucks already own.

When the Canucks complete their business in the expansion and amateur drafts next June, they will hold title to roughly 85 hockey players. Granted the quality will leave much to be desired, but in hockey quantity combined with good management should eventually translate into success.

As the wheel turns, Vancouver's new hockey owners may warrant criticism. If they do, let's give 'em hell! But for the right reasons.



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By JIM KEARNEY

SUN SPORTS COLUMNIST

Have you heard of the Kearney plan to make the Stanley Cup the people's trophy? You haven't? In that case sit down, stick around for a few minutes and all will be revealed.

Since 1926, the Stanley Cup has been the exclusive preserve of the National Hockey League. It sort of took over the trophy that year and nobody questioned the heist. In the intervening 44 years it has been generally assumed that the NHL always had the trophy in its keeping.

Such is not the case. When Lord Stanley (the same governor-general of Canada after whom the park is named) donated the $50 rose bowl bearing his name, it was as a challenge trophy with all-comers welcome to play for it.

That's how, in the bald old days, teams from such unlikely places as Dawson City, Rat Portage, Smiths Falls, Haileybury and Renfrew were able to compete for it. With the exception of Rat Portage, none of these whistle stops ever won the cup. But as long as they could play for it, there was always the chance of an upset, of an underdog from some unknown hog wallow torpedoing the city slickers.

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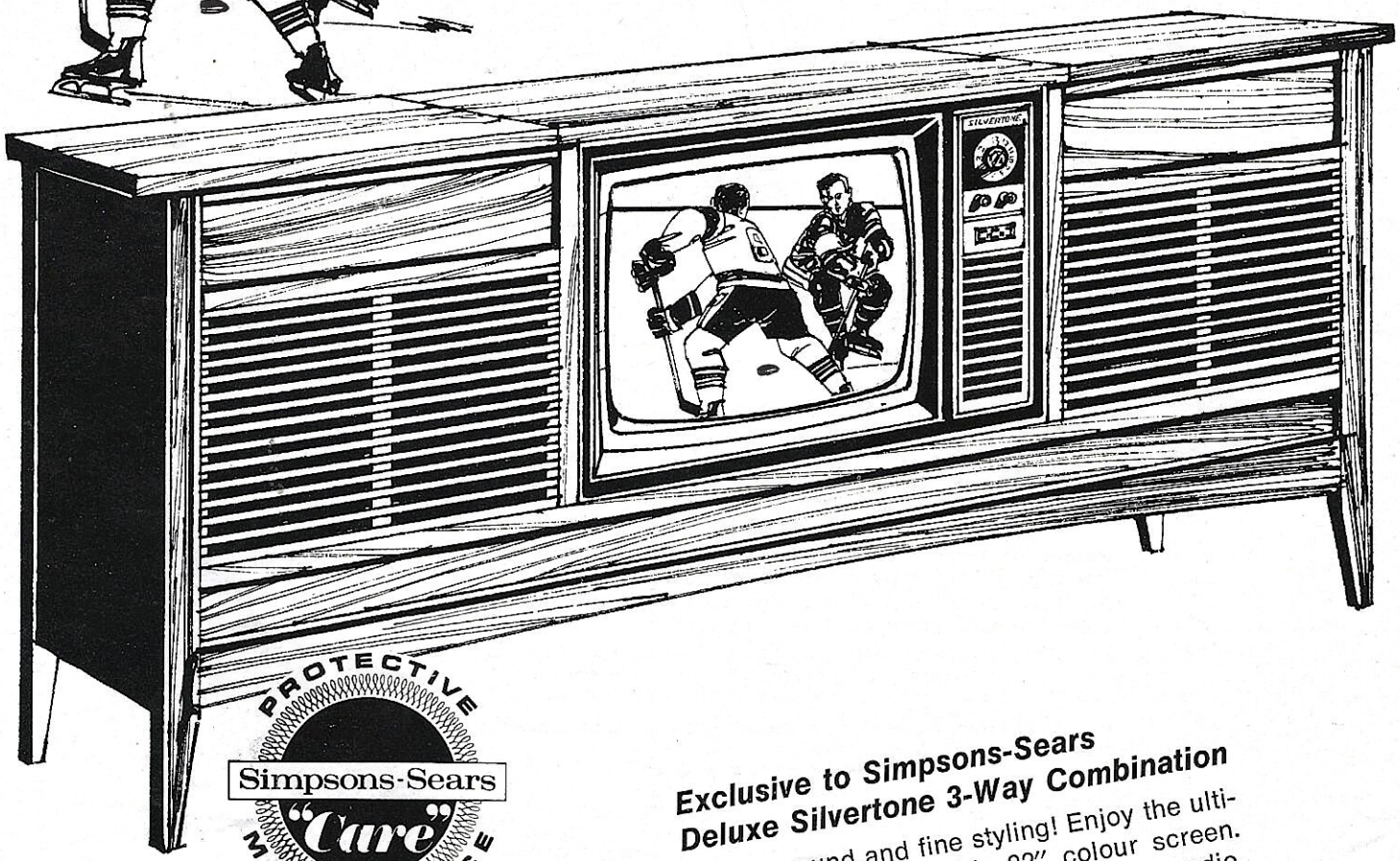

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These are the situations from which Alger, Merriwell and unlikely movie scripts are born. And, say I, it's time to throw the whole thing wide open again. If the Maillardville Mallards want a crack at hockey's most famous mug, let's give them the opportunity.

Of course, it could get a little unwieldy if every village from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland decided to challenge in the same season. But fear not. I've got the solution.

We'll run it along the same lines as the annual competition they have in England for the Football Association Cup. Every team — amateur, semi-pro and pro — that wants to play, gets in its entry at the start of the season.

It's a straight knockout affair, sudden death. About once a month all through the season another cup round is played. Literally hundreds of teams start out in September. The first division (major league) pro teams are spared the first couple of rounds, but thereafter they're in there with the mob.

By May, it's down to two teams and a sudden death game for the cup. In the meantime darkhorse clubs from the unlikeliest towns have caught hot hands for long enough to record the occasional stunning upset. And that's what fills the whole operation with fun and drama.

So, why not in hockey?

Let's start it next season as Buffalo and Vancouver go into the NHL. For openers, let in 72 non-NHL teams. Let them play two rounds in which their numbers will be reduced to 36, then 18. At this point add the 14 NHL teams, bringing the complement up to 32. Five more rounds will then produce the Stanley Cup winner.

Nothing in this life being certain, other than death and taxes, there are bound to be monumental upsets with all the ripples of excitement that go with giant killings.

I must admit the NHL has shown a notable lack of interest in my grand scheme, which I have been pushing for some years now. But I plan to persevere. And the day the NHL gives in and returns the Stanley Cup to its original challenge status, then the revival of other traditional customs are bound to follow.

Such trifles as the return of the five-cent cigar, the five-cent cup of coffee and the seven-cent bus fare are some projects I have in mind. They'll be mere child's play by comparison.

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released, Dunville played solid defence here after getting a regular job when Lemieux became ill.

The other gamble? Chap named **Gerry Goyer,** who had been put on waivers by Portland, seemingly over the hill. But all he needed was steady work, and after a couple of weeks in Rochester, where he regained his timing, Goyer has been, as you are well aware, a tower of strength at centre.

Add **Keke Mortson,** purchased when it became evident that the now-retired Maloney was through; goalie **Lynn Zimmerman** as a backup man for Gardner; shake up your forward line combinations a few times; and presto! — you have a club that between Nov. 15 and Jan. 2 won 16 games, lost two and tied one.

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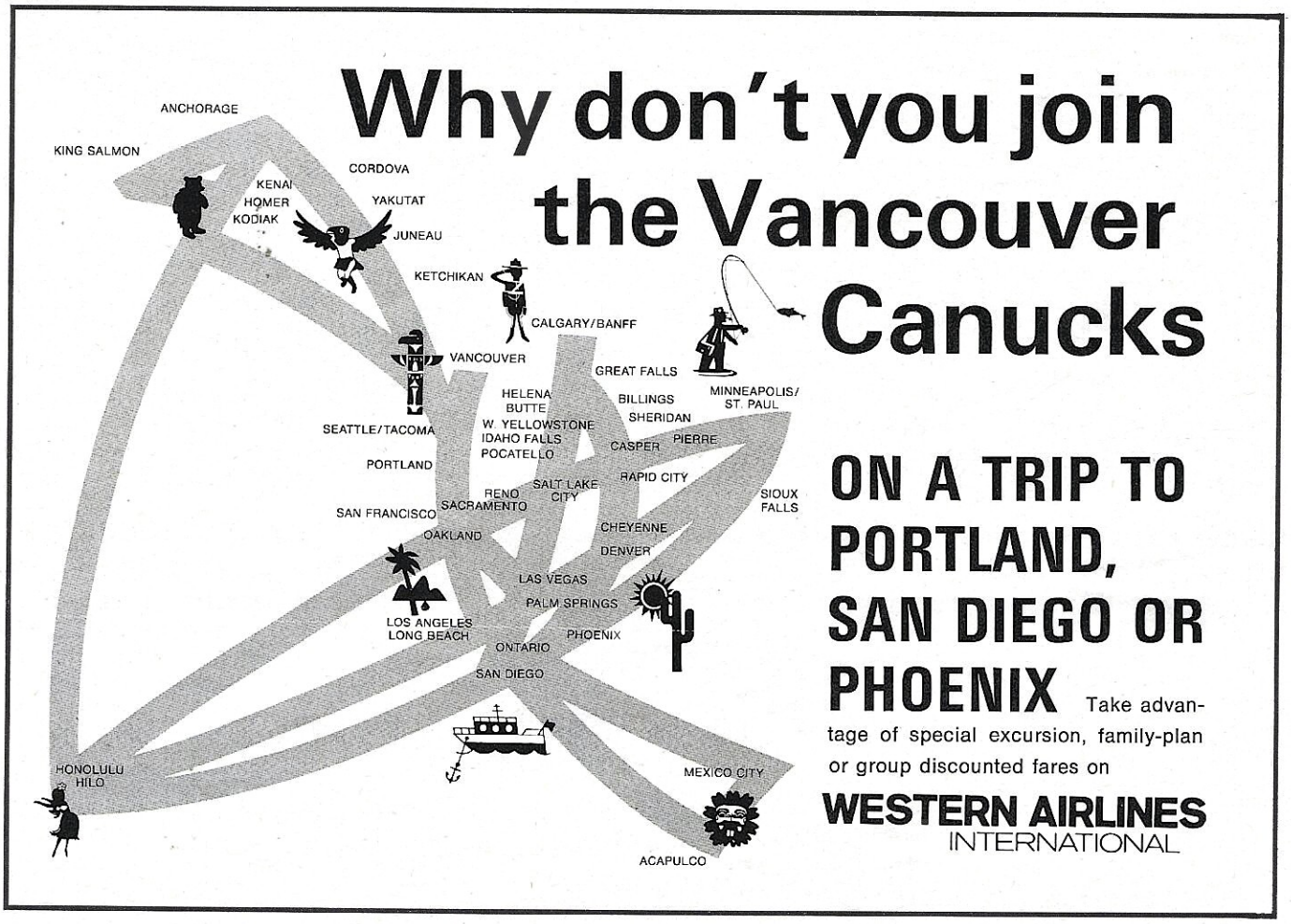
So how come Crozier has all those gray hairs?



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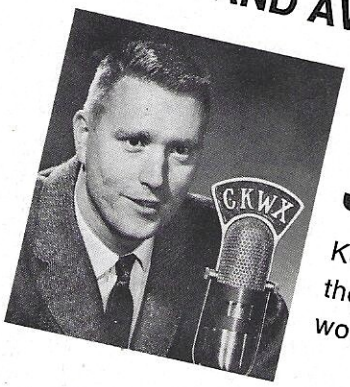

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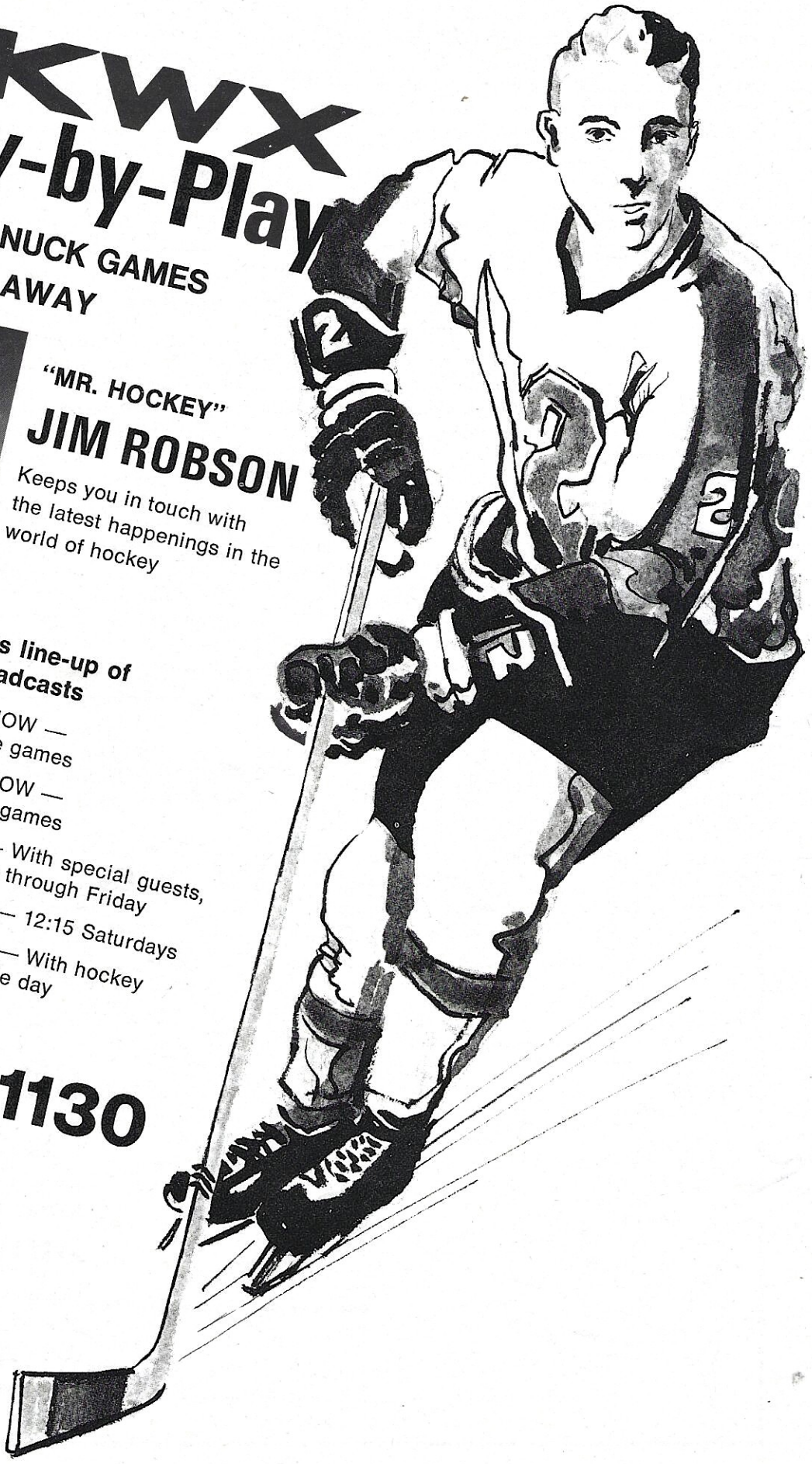

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